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There are five accredited schools of podiatry in the United States. They offer a four-year course leading to a degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.). A person entering one of these schools must have completed at least two years of college work, including courses in chemistry and biological sciences. The American Podiatry Association has headquarters at 20 Chevy Chase Circle NW, Washington, D.C. 20015. ABR RUBIN

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PODGORNY, *pod GOHR nee*, **NIKOLAI VIKTOROVICH** (1903-), served as president, or officially, the chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet from 1965 to 1977. The Presidium handles legislative matters between sessions of the Supreme Soviet, Russia's legislature. Podgorny also was a member of the policy-making Politburo of the Communist Party's Central Committee from 1960 to 1977.

Podgorny was born in Karlovka, the Ukraine. He became a member of the Communist Party in 1930. The following year, he graduated from a food institute in Kiev. He worked in various administrative posts in the food industry from 1931 to 1946. The Kharkov regional party committee in the Ukraine appointed him first secretary in 1950. Podgorny also served as first secretary of the Ukrainian Communist Party from 1957 to 1963.

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